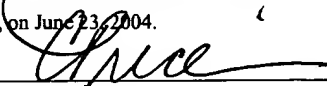


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to an Office Action dated December 23, 2003, for which a date of response was due on March 23, 2004, and for which a three-month time of extension is requested for extending the time of response to June 23, 2004.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: